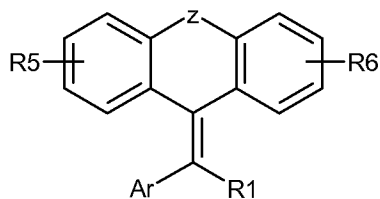


Amendments to the Claims

We Claim:

1. (Original) A compound of the formula:

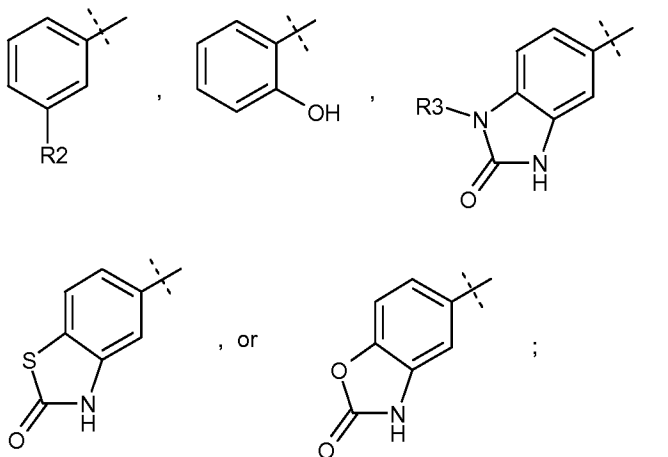


Formula I

wherein,

Z represents CH₂, S, or O;

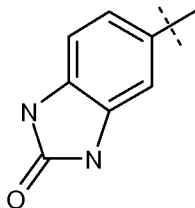
Ar represents a group of the formula:



R¹ represents hydrogen or (C₁-C₆)alkyl;

R² represents hydroxy, amino, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, NH SO₂R⁴, provided that where R² represents hydroxy then Z is other than S

R³ represents hydrogen, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, heterocycle, substituted heterocycle, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-heterocycle, or (C₁-C₄)alkyl-substituted heterocycle, provided that where Ar represents:



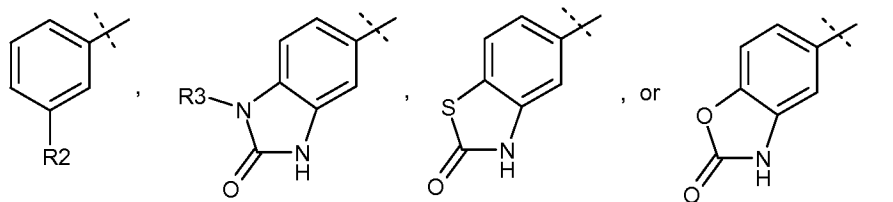
then Z is other than O;

R⁴ represents independently at each occurrence (C₁-C₆)alkyl;

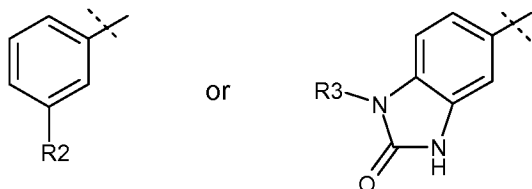
R⁵ and R⁶ represent independently at each occurrence hydrogen, halo, amino, cyano, hydroxy, (C₁-C₆)alkyl, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)alkoxy-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, NHR⁷, N(R⁷)₂, NHSO₂R⁷, SR⁷, SO₂R⁷; and

R⁷ represents independently at each occurrence (C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, phenyl, or heterocycle;
or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof.

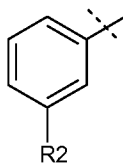
2. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R¹ represents hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl.
3. (Original) The compound according to Claim 2 wherein R¹ represents hydrogen.
4. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein Z represents S or O.
5. (Original) The compound according to Claim 4 wherein Z represent S.
6. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein Ar represents a group of the formula:



7. (Original) The compound according to Claim 6 wherein Ar represents a group of the formula:

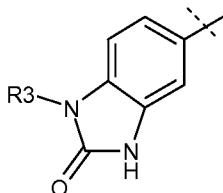


8. (Original) The compound according to Claim 7 wherein Ar represents a group of the formula:



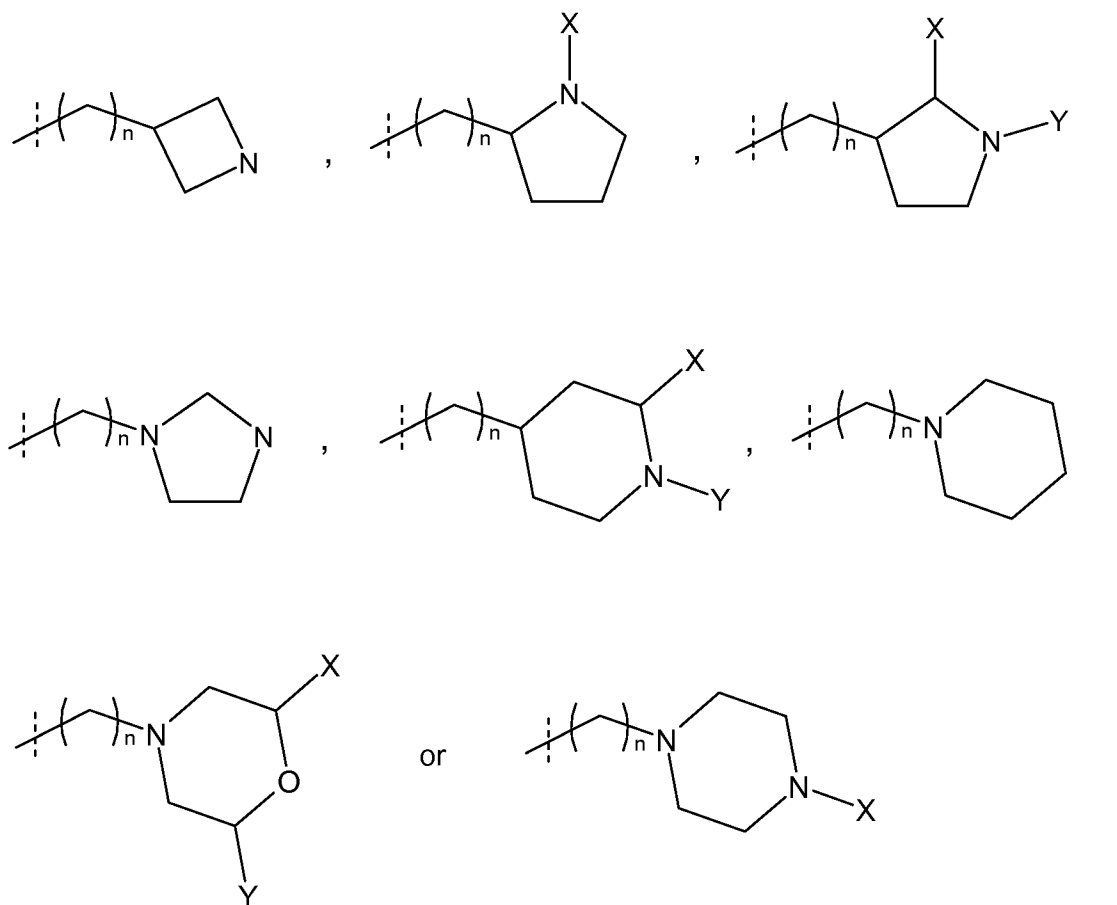
9. (Original) The compound according to Claim 8 wherein R₂ represents hydroxy, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, or NH SO₂R⁴.

10. (Original) The compound according to Claim 7 wherein Ar represents a group of the formula:



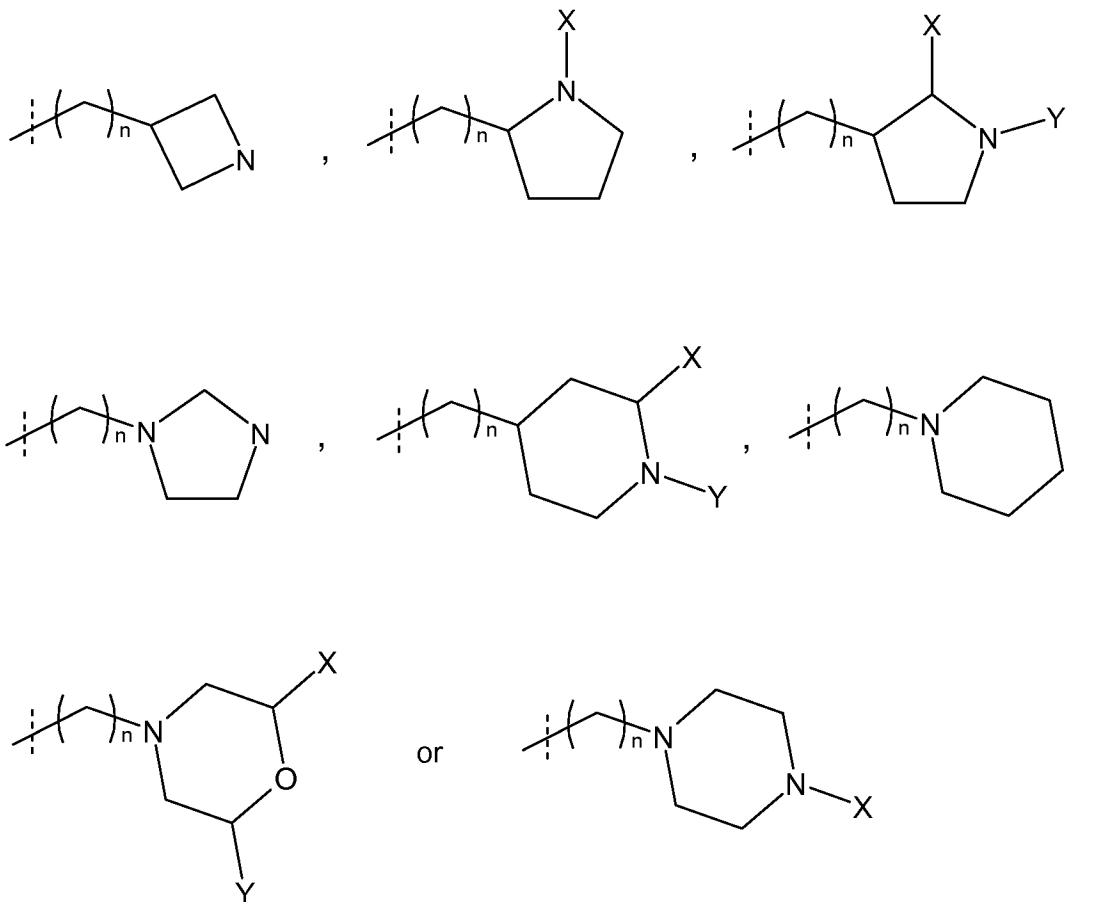
11. (Original) The compound according to Claim 10 wherein R₃ represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, heterocycle, substituted heterocycle, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-heterocycle, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-substituted heterocycle.

12. (Original) The compound according to Claim 11 wherein R₃ represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, or a group of the formula:



wherein n represents 0-3 and X and Y each independently represents at each occurrence hydrogen, methyl, or ethyl.

13. (Original) The compound according to Claim 11 wherein R_3 represents hydrogen, methyl, ethyl, isopropyl, or a group of the formula:



wherein n represents 0-3 and X and Y each independently represents at each occurrence methyl or ethyl.

14. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 9 wherein R⁴ represents methyl or ethyl.

15. (Previously Presented) The compound according to Claim 1 wherein R⁵ and R⁶ represent independently at each occurrence hydrogen, halo, hydroxy, halo(C₁-C₆)alkyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)alkoxy-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, NHR⁷, or N(R⁷)₂.

16. (Original) The compound according to Claim 15 wherein R⁵ and R⁶ represent independently at each occurrence hydrogen, fluoro, chloro, hydroxy, difluoromethyl,

trifluoromethyl, (C₁-C₆)alkoxy, (C₁-C₄)alkyl-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, (C₁-C₄)alkoxy-(C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl, NHR⁷, or N(R⁷)₂ wherein R⁷ represents independently at each occurrence (C₁-C₆)alkyl or (C₃-C₇)cycloalkyl.

17. (Original) The compound according to Claim 16 wherein R⁵ and R⁶ represent independently at each occurrence hydrogen or fluoro.

18. (Previously Presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising the compound according to Claim 1 in combination with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, diluent, or excipient.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)